

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1. A method for validating content comprising the steps of:  
displaying said content; and  
displaying an indication of a state of the validation of said content,

wherein said state of content corresponds to:

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- not reviewed, use with caution; or  
reviewed with a positive validation; or  
reviewed with a negative validation.

2. The method as recited in Claim 1 further comprising the step

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receiving user submitted comments to said content, said user  
submitted comments affecting said indicated state of validation of said  
content.

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3. The method as recited in Claim 1 further comprising the step

of:

receiving user submitted corrections to said content, said user  
submitted corrections affecting said indicated state of validation of  
said content.

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4. The method as recited in Claim 1 further comprising the step

of:

receiving user submitted validation of said content, said user submitted validation of content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

5           5.     The method as recited in Claim 1 further comprising the step of:

receiving user submitted validation of comment on said content, said user submitted validation of said comment on content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

10           6.     The method as recited in Claim 1 further comprising the step of:

receiving user submitted validation of correction to said content, said user submitted validation of correction of content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

15           7.     The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said indication of said state of the validation of the content comprises a traffic light icon comprising:

20           i) a green light indicative of said content being reviewed by a user and receiving a user submitted positive validation;

ii) a yellow light indicative of said content not yet reviewed, said content to be used with caution; and

25           iii) a red light indicative of said content being reviewed by a user and receiving a user submitted negative validation.

8. The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said content is displayed on a web page comprising fields and pull-down menus for enabling the selection of categories and sub-topics related to said content.

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9. The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said content is new content submitted by a user, said new content subject to said validation.

10. The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said content is a received user submission of an addition to previously submitted content, said added content is subject to said validation.

11. The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said content is pertaining to technical information.

12. A computer system in a computer system network, said computer system comprising:

a bus;

a display device coupled to said bus;

a memory unit coupled to said bus; and

a processor coupled to said bus, said processor for executing a method for validating content comprising the steps of:

displaying said content; and

displaying an indication of a state of the validation of said content,

wherein said state of content corresponds to:

not reviewed, use with caution; or  
reviewed with a positive validation; or  
reviewed with a negative validation.

5           13.    The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said method for  
validating content further comprises the step of:

          receiving user submitted comments to said content, said user  
submitted comments affecting said indicated state of validation of said  
content.

10           14.    The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said method for  
validating content further comprising the step of:

          receiving user submitted corrections to said content, user submitted  
corrections affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

15           15.    The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said method for  
validating content further comprises the step of:

          receiving user submitted validation of said content, said user  
submitted validation of content affecting said indicated state of validation of  
20   said content.

          16.    The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said method for  
validating content further comprises the step of:

receiving user submitted validation of comment on said content, said user submitted validation of said comment on content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

5           17.    The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said method for validating content further comprises the step of:

receiving user submitted validation of correction to said content, said user submitted validation of correction of content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

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18.    The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said indication of said state of the validation of the content comprises a traffic light icon comprising:

15           i) a green light indicative of said content being reviewed by a user and receiving a user submitted positive validation;

          ii) a yellow light indicative of said content not yet reviewed, said content to be used with caution; and

          iii) a red light indicative of said content being reviewed by a user and receiving a user submitted negative validation.

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19.    The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said content is displayed on a web page comprising fields and pull-down menus for enabling the selection of categories and sub-topics related to said content.

20. The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said content is received new content submitted by a user, said new content subject to said validation.

5 21. The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said content is a received user submission of an addition to previously submitted content, said added content is subject to said validation.

10 22. The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said content is pertaining to technical information.

23. A computer readable medium for storing computer implemented instructions, said instructions for causing a computer system to perform content validation comprising the steps of:

15 displaying of content; and  
displaying an indication of a state of the validation of said content,  
wherein said state of validation of content corresponds to:

not reviewed, use with caution; or  
reviewed with a positive validation; or  
20 reviewed with a negative validation.

24. The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said computer implemented instructions cause a computer system to perform the step of:

receiving user submitted comments to said content, said user submitted comments affecting said indicated validation.

25. The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said computer implemented instructions cause a computer system to perform the step of:

receiving user submitted correction to said content, said user submitted corrections affecting said indicated validation.

26. The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said computer implemented instructions cause a computer system to perform the step of:

receiving user submitted validation of said content, said user submitted validation of content affecting said indicated state of said content.

27. The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said computer implemented instructions cause a computer system to perform the step of:

receiving user submitted validation of comment on said content, said user submitted validation of said comment on said content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

28. The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said computer implemented instructions cause a computer system to perform the step of:

receiving user submitted validation of correction to said content, said user submitted validation of correction to said content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

5           29.    The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said indication of said state of content comprises a traffic light icon comprising:

          i) a green light indicative of said content being reviewed with a positive validation;

          ii) a yellow light indicative of said content not yet reviewed, said  
10   content to be used with caution; and

          iii) a red light indicative of said content being reviewed with a negative validation.

          30.    The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said  
15   computer implemented instructions cause a computer system to perform the step of:

          displaying said content on a web page comprising fields and pull-down menus for enabling the selection of categories and sub-topics related to said content.

20           31.    The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said content is received new content submitted by a user, said new content subject to said validation.

32. The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said content is a received user submitted addition to previously submitted content, said user submitted addition to previously submitted content subject to said validation.

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33. The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said content is pertaining to a technical guide.

34. A system for validating content, said system comprises:  
a means for displaying said content; and  
a means for displaying an indication of a state of the validation of said content, wherein said state of content corresponds to:

not reviewed, use with caution; or  
reviewed with a positive validation; or  
reviewed with a negative validation.

35. The system of Claim 12 further comprises the means for receiving user submitted comments to said content, said user submitted comments to content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

36. The system of Claim 12 further comprises the means for receiving user submitted corrections to said content, said user submitted corrections to content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

37. The system of Claim 12 further comprises the means for receiving user submitted validation of said content, said user submitted validation of content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

38. The system of Claim 12 further comprises the means for receiving user submitted validation of comment on said content, said user submitted validation of said comment on content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

39. The system of Claim 12 further comprises the means for receiving user submitted validation of correction to said content, said user submitted validation of correction of content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

40. The system of Claim 12 wherein said indication of said state of content comprises an traffic light icon comprising:

- i) a green light indicative of said content being reviewed by a user and receiving a user submitted positive validation;
- ii) a yellow light indicative of said content not yet reviewed, said content to be used with caution; and
- iii) a red light indicative of said content being reviewed by a user and receiving a user submitted negative validation.

41. The system of Claim 12 wherein said content is displayed on a web page comprising fields and pull-down menus adapted to provide a selection of categories and sub-topics related to said content.

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42. The system of Claim 12 wherein said content is received new content submitted by a user, said received new content subject to said validation.

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43. The system of Claim 12 wherein said content is an addition to content, said addition submitted by a user, said addition to content subject to said validation.

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44. The system of Claim 34 wherein said content is pertaining to a technical guide.